



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held August 26, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Knabe and Burke:

“On June 4, 2002, the County Board of Supervisors approved the Safe Haven Task Force recommendations that included 12 recommendations to effectively implement the Newborn Abandonment Law (SB 1368), often referred to as the ‘Safely Surrendered Baby Law’ in Los Angeles County. Included was a recommendation to expand the number of Safe Surrender sites.

“SB 1368 allows the Board of Supervisors to expand the number of Safe Surrender sites beyond the private or public hospital emergency rooms designated by law. Subsequently, the Board has exercised that authority and designated fire stations in 17 cities as Safe Surrender locations. The Board has continued to actively recruit municipal fire departments to participate in the County’s Safe Surrender program.

“Today, the City of Compton is requesting that the Board include their fire stations as Safe Surrender sites.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the attached resolution designating the Fire Stations in the City of Compton as "Safe Surrender" sites in Los Angeles County, effective August 26, 2003;
2. Requested the Fire Chief of Compton to designate the classes of employees required to take physical custody of the infants;

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3. Requested the City to utilize the safe surrender kits developed by the County or similar ones developed by the individual city; and
4. Requested the designated City's fire stations to prominently display the uniform Safe Surrender logo at the entrance to their facilities.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

- Each Supervisor
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel

Letters sent to:

- Mayor, City of Compton
- Fire Chief, City of Compton